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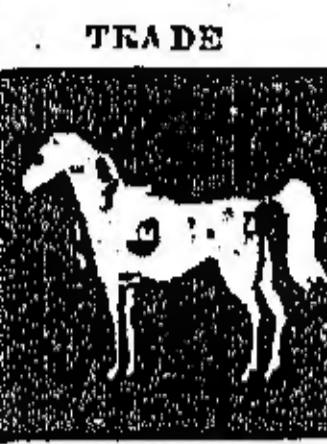
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 20th, 1906.

THERE can be no better illustration of the truth of the *tempora mutantur* adage than a review of the history of Hongkong's water supply. In these days, we regard adequate arrangements for a plentiful supply of good fresh water as the first and paramount duty of our legislators; especially during the last week, when the value of another well-known adage has made itself apparent—the one that gratuitously reminds us how we miss the water when the well runs dry. As we know, work is proceeding now to increase our local storage capacity, and it is to be hoped that nothing will be allowed to stand in the way of its being steadily continued. In the past, very curious views appear to have been entertained of the importance of the matter. The first serious talk of establishing waterworks seems to have been in the year 1858, and for his ardent advocacy, in face of influential opposition, of what we now unanimously recognise as the only sensible programme, the Colonial Secretary of that day, Mr. W. T. MANNER, deserves a monument. It seems difficult to believe, but the absurdity is recorded in our Colonial history, that the Governor, Sir JOHN BOWRING, "opened that it was not the business of the Government to furnish individuals with water any more than other necessities of life, and that therefore the annual income of the Colony was not fairly applicable to such speculations!" He thought it ought to be left to the enterprise of a joint-stock company, and even then talked in a way to frighten off such enterprise by mentioning

Information has reached Hongkong that the *Asiatic* has been lost in the Torres Straits.

During the week ending on Saturday there were nine cases of smallpox, all Chinese. Seven ended fatally.

Mr. Schwerin, of the Pacific Mail, is reported to have said: "I wouldn't give a cent for the life of any Caucasian missionary this summer who doesn't get out of the interior."

The 64th plague case was noticed yesterday. There had been six fatalities during the previous forty-eight hours. The number for the week ending on Saturday was seven. Only two cases of the 64 have recovered.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending March 1st shows that of non-Chinese there were 271 to the Library and 118 to the Museum; and of Chinese 133 to the former and 3,889 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 304 persons, and the Museum by 4,017.

The *Puisso* Judge (Mr. A. G. Wise) yesterday commented on the laxity which had become apparent when Chinese documents were submitted without being accompanied by translations. He said that the Court was in future one, not Chinese, and he would not take anything that was not properly translated.

The Hongkong Hockey Club plays the H.M.S. *Andromeda*'s Gun-Room team to-day at 4.45 p.m., playing in colours. Their representatives are: Sub Lt. Florde, R.N.; T. C. Gray (capt.) and J. B. Macgillivray; C. P. Chater, H. R. Ogle, R.E., and P. K. Kryatt; H. G. C. Bailey, H. F. Chard, P. P. Weddhouse, E. Gaskin and P. J. O. Barnett.

the probable difficulty of collecting water charges from the Chinese. To do him justice, Sir JOHN BOWRING had one excuse, that we may regard as natural, though not valid. He was very much in love with his Praya scheme, and having already experienced on more than one occasion the passive resistance that departmentalism can offer to the energy of the most energetic governor, he seems to have jumped to the conclusion that some of the opponents of his scheme were trumping up these new schemes in the hope of diverting funds and so swamping his own. It was left, eventually, for his successor, Sir HERCULES ROBINSON, to take up the matter, and this was done, we read, "with the vigour which characterised all his doings," ably supported by the Colonial Secretary already mentioned. By the year 1863, the works were sufficiently advanced to justify a charge for water, and then our waterless "drinking fountain" was erected in front of the City Hall site. The population at that time was only 124,350, including 3,149 non-Chinese. The first water charge was at the rate of two per cent. on the gross annual value of house property, as assessed. But it was even then realised that the relief was only temporary. The population was expected to grow rapidly, although, as a fact, it decreased considerably at that period. Five years later, when the foreign population had doubled, Sir R. G. MACDONNELL spent nearly \$20,000 to improve the water-supply, and towards the end of the year was asking for a further \$20,000. Unlike Sir JOHN BOWRING, this Governor spoke of it as "a most necessary public work," and deplored the incompetence of the Colonial employees which had so botched an important scheme. He was the first to import a competent engineer to superintend the waterworks. The Pokfulam scheme, begun in 1871, was completed in Sir ARTHUR KENNEDY's administration, when the Tytan scheme, now advancing a further stage, was first projected. The whole history of the water schemes is a history of half-schemes and tinkering, owing to hesitations and difficulties connected with funds. In Sir J. P. HENNESSY's time, the question of the water supply was still a financial one; and we read that as regards this and other public works, his term of office was "chiefly remarkable for the number of important works discussed, declared urgent, and rejected or postponed." Nothing can be more urgent than an adequate water supply, and there should have been no hesitation in mortgaging the Colony to secure it. Dr. ERROL says, "The Tytan waterworks, the plan for which had been elaborated and approved under the previous administration, Sir JOHN fought shy of for years, and when at last the Colonial Office sent out peremptory orders that the work should be commenced at once, Sir JOHN, for purely financial reasons, took it upon himself to disregard the commands he received from Downing Street, and the work was not commenced until 1882, on the eve of his departure." Unfortunately for the comfort and well-being of the residents, it is even yet unfinished.

Some additional notes on the present state of affairs appear elsewhere in this issue.

The report concludes: "If the boycott is called off to-morrow, it will take many years to remove the ill-effect from the injury done. At Penang American firms could not move any goods in their godowns, and Chinese refused to take the goods which they had already ordered."

Californian papers do not always mean unkindness when they talk of negroes. The *Chronicle* remarks, "A story comes from New York to the effect that a young American donkey was so lavish in the bestowal of tips to the steamship stewards on his return from Europa as to excite the special wonder of all on board. There is no reason to discredit the yarn, so far as the extravagance of the young man is concerned, for this country breeds plenty of fools, but it is accompanied by the suspicious statement that 'this beneficiary' grew literally ashamed to take the money." If they did, it is the first instance on record of steamer stewards feeling qualmish on the subject of excessive tips.

British judges in the East should be glad they do not live in British Columbia. We clip the following from an exchange coming from Nelson, B.C., Canada: "We have wondered at the affection between British Columbia judges and Scotch whisky. It is truly pathetic to watch some of them kiss the glass as though it were the red lips of a summer girl. Whisky is largely the mainstay of some courts, and perhaps the judicial gentlemen merely show their appreciation of such a valuable ally. In our opinion judges and persons should be in the same class. Neither should use stimulants, and thereby set an example to the people who look up to them. Judges who become booze fiends should be relegated to the back seats. No man with a whisky-soaked upper story is fit to deal out justice over a dog fight let alone cases that involve liberty, or large sums of money."

The New Zealand Rugby football team is continuing its triumphant career in British Columbia.

It has been arranged that Hawaii shall send a representative to America to study tobacco-growing.

It is estimated that the savings in wages by the employment of Chinese in South African mines is £9 per month as compared to white labour, or more than \$64,000,000 per year.

Caruso, the world-famous tenor, was nearly killed by an accident in a New York theatre on Feb. 14th. He escaped, however, without injury. The accident was a fall of heavy scenery.

Those who are subscribing for Mr. J. C. Kershaw's "Battlefields of Hongkong and South-East China" will be particularly pleased with part III., which we received from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., yesterday. The beautiful coloured representations of local fortifications are more numerous, and seem to deal with prettier specimens, while the notes are much more copious. The completed work will undoubtedly occupy a niche of its own.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Aitken and Officers of the 119th Infantry the Band of the Regiment will play the following programme at the U.S.R. Club, Kowloon, to-day, commencing at 4.30 p.m.:—

March "The High School Cadets," Sonja Waltz "The Shop Girl," Burlesque Concert Solo, "Eileen Alannah," Thomas Slection, "The Emerald Isle," Sullivan Serenade, "You Sleep," Sullivan Retreat "La Retraite Militaire," Lefeuvre Wely

When the a.s. *Plaudites* arrived at Vancouver, reporters learned that strong anti-foreign feeling was being shown in China. Japanese correspondents at Peking in noting this state that anti-Japanese feeling is also growing in China and considerable feeling is displayed by prominent officials because of the continued influx of Japanese into Manchuria and Mongolia within the last few months. Cantonese literati recently spread a manifesto that the real menace of China's integrity came from Japan.

A Honolulu despatch says it is now practically determined that Governor Carter will not again resume the activities of his office. He has recovered from his recent illness. Secretary of the Territory Atkinson was expected by the a.s. *Alameda*, Governor Carter, as soon as he is able to start, will take a trip, probably a tour of the world, and Secretary Atkinson will become Acting Governor. Next September, when Atkinson is old enough to be eligible for appointment, Carter will resign and ask President Roosevelt to appoint Atkinson.

In an address before 500 delegates attending a convention of magicians to discuss social problems, Bishop H. M. Turner declared the American flag to be a dirty and contemptible rag. He further said that hell was an improvement on the United States, as far as the negro was concerned. In conclusion, he said: "If a little ignorant and stupid white man who was never heard of or never would be heard of until 10,000 years after the resurrection trumpet wishes a little notoriety, he begins to bawl and slander the negro, and bounces into popularity. And I challenge anyone and all of them to meet in public discussion, and will show them that the negro is a far better man than they are." That sort of thing is unlikely to improve matters.

An American journal says:—From South China, and, in fact, clear down to the Straits Settlements, comes the report that there is no improvement in the boycott situation; that trade is badly affected in most lines and there is little or no business outside the small inland trade. American sewing machine companies report that the Chinese are afraid to go into its places. Although some are likely to buy, they are not willing to have a machine in their possession. The report concludes: "If the boycott is called off to-morrow, it will take many years to remove the ill-effect from the injury done. At Penang American firms could not move any goods in their godowns, and Chinese refused to take the goods which they had already ordered."

The London correspondent of an Indian paper, and the police have been unable to find a single copy, owing to the precautions taken. All unused copies were hidden and bales of the paper about to be dispatched to the country were held back. The increased activity of the anti-militarists, despite the Chinese precautions, is attracting much attention and a certain amount of apprehension, owing to the excellent manner in which the movement is organized.

The political tide has returned about fifty soldiers to the House of Commons, says the London correspondent of an Indian paper, and, together with the strong element which supports the Auxiliary Forces, a possibility is presented to these members of forming a Service Party, which shall aim at non-party administration for the Army. The possibility of such a combination is already being discussed.

But the soldiers sit on both sides of the House, and the difficulty of amalgamating the various political interests is in no way diminished. There is, however, much new blood at Westminster, and if Mr. Holdens will show a lead in placing defence matters above political juggling, he would receive support from both sides of the House.

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It is rumoured, says the *Malay Mail*, that Lord Carnarvon has applied for 1,500 acres of rubber land in the Kuala Selangor district. It is said that fully 20,000 acres have already been applied for in this part of the State.

General Bragg, American Consul at Hongkong, has left with Mrs. Bragg for America. It is understood that the veteran officer will not resume consular duties here, where he has been between three and four years. He is an octogenarian.

The Board of Trade inquiry instituted in connection with the wreck of the passenger steamer *Hilda*, which occurred on the French coast in November last, has resulted in the exonerating of the captain and officers of the ship.

The following notification is published in yesterday's issue of the *Gazette*:—Harbormaster's Department.—The following telegram has been received from the Commissioner of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs at Amoy: "Drifting mine blew up fishing boat two miles East of Turnabout Island on the 10th instant."

After visiting Natal, the Johannesburg correspondent of the Times telegraphs that he is inclined to take a serious view of the native troubles. The correspondent says the official bulletins give an erroneous impression because from political motives there is much eagerness to avoid bringing matters to a head. The natives, the correspondent adds, have been getting out of hand for a long time and vigorous action would save life, both of white and of blacks.

Thirty-eight thousand men of the regular American Army are to be mobilized at Manila for service in China in case of an uprising against foreigners in the ancient empire. The War Department has determined to send four regiments of cavalry and seven batteries of artillery to the Far Eastern island in addition to the troops already ordered. Rear-Admiral Train has arranged with missionaries living in the territory traversed by the Yangtze to hurry to certain points in case of apprehension of trouble, and upon arrival they will be picked up by the men-of-war.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* does not favour war with China. It says, There is a good deal of loose talk indulged in by army officers respecting the attitude of the United States toward China, but its sincerity may well be called into question. It is absurd for anyone to urge that it is our duty to preserve order in China, or to interfere in any manner with the political concerns of the Chinese. Those who do so are not thinking of American interests; they have nothing else in mind than the possibility of personal advancement at the expense of the people of the United States. In another spirit, one writes, Americans who are disposed to submit to all sorts of treatment from the Chinese ought to take note of what is going on in the Orient and learn the lesson that nothing is gained by clinging to the Chinese.

An anti-military organ, *Vote de Peuple*, printed an article inciting the conscripts who drew lots to determine which branch of the service they shall join, to refuse to obey their officers. The article is illustrated with a horrid cartoon, depicting conscripts being stamped on their shoulders by examining doctors "Fit to be killed." Prefect of Police Lepine ordered the seizure of the paper, but the police have been unable to find a single copy, owing to the precautions taken. All unused copies were hidden and bales of the paper about to be dispatched to the country were held back. The increased activity of the anti-militarists, despite the Chinese precautions, is attracting much attention and a certain amount of apprehension, owing to the excellent manner in which the movement is organized.

The *United States* should warn China against a repetition of the terrible riots of a few years ago. A show of warships should be made to impress upon the Government of China that the troubles must not be repeated and will not be tolerated. I am satisfied that serious trouble will come, but do not expect that it will be directed specially against the United States, but will be against the reigning Manchu dynasty.

"The Chairman said he thought his first remark must be to congratulate those who had survived and were able to turn up after the horrible epidemic. Had it not been for that the number present would doubtless have been greater than before. Mr. James had informed him that the attendees had reached 80, which was very satisfactory. It had never been more than 70 before, and when it was remembered that the new European school opened had taken away a good many of the older boys, there was reason for satisfaction. Not only did it show a real interest, but he thought that without boasting they could say their work had also shown distinct improvement. He would not speak of the singing, because the organist of St. John's Cathedral had made a report on that subject in which he spoke in terms of the highest praise of the singing. He complimented the children who had obtained prizes, making special allusion to the great progress that must have been made by the boy who won the prize for improvement, and in conclusion expressed the hope that at this time next year they would see parents present in even greater numbers than were there that day.

After the older pupils had given a part song, Mrs. Irving was presented with a beautiful bouquet by Miss Eva Rodger, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER TROOP.

The rifle meeting at Kowloon Range on Sunday, under the above auspices, proved very successful. The results are appended:—

THE KOWLOON CUP, presented by Mr. N. J. Stabb—200 yards, 7 rounds, lying, 1 sighter allowed.

1 Trooper J. L. C. Anderson 21

2 Corporal G. C. Moxon 20

3 Trooper G. K. Bruton 19

THE YAU-MATI CUP, presented by Mr. C. H. Ross—20 yards, 7 rounds, lying, 1 sighter allowed.

1 Trooper A. T. Walker 21

2 Trooper W. R. Robertson 20

3 Trooper A. S. Hensman 19

THE KAM-TIM CUP, presented by Mr. W. A. Crookshank—200 yards, 7 rounds, knelling, to be completed in 50 seconds from command "commence."

1 Trooper L. Murphy 16

2 Trooper J. C. Anderson 16

3 Trooper W. G. Crookshank 16

THE PINO-SAN CUP, presented by Mr. G. C. Moxon—300 yards, 7 rounds, lying, 1 sighter allowed.

1 Trooper H. J. Godge 20

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, March 19th.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE SIR FRANCIS PIGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

Lai I Mai, who described himself as a bank clerk, was indicted on two charges of forgery. The first count alleged that he forged a passage ticket with the intention of obtaining a passage to Bangkok on ss. *Lanark* on the 22nd February, and the second alleged that he uttered the said ticket with the intention of defrauding the master of the said steamer. The Attorney General (Sir Henry Berkeley), instructed by Mr. C. E. Morel (of Messrs Denys and Bowley), presented Prisoner, who was in defendant, pleaded not guilty.

The following jury was empanelled—Messrs. M. G. Burnie (Foreman), W. E. Craig, John Buchan, B. J. Spittles A. O. Lang, H. Haines G. L. Hale.

The Attorney-General in opening said the passage tickets would be put in and the jury would have little hesitation in coming to the conclusion that they were very clever forgeries, in this case the name of the steamer *Lanark* having been filled in. Evidence would be given to the effect that when prisoner was arrested, and his place searched a large number of those tickets was found, clearly indicating that he was engaged in extensive frauds on the steamboat company. It was not a difficult forgery by reason of the many blanks. The prisoner was detected in the following manner. A native went to a shop where the tickets were authorised to be sold in order to purchase passage tickets for friends of his who wished to proceed to Bangkok. There he was informed that there were none left, but prisoner who happened to be present and overheard the conversation accosted the applicant and told him he could procure tickets for him at the Yuen Fat Hong. The applicant agreed to take the tickets and told him to bring them to his shop that evening. Prisoner did so, and said he would call again for the money, the price being \$11 for each of the eighteen tickets. The native, who knew the ordinary price was \$13 each, sent his fok next day to the steamer to ascertain if the tickets were genuine. He did not return and when the witness went to the steamer he found that his fok had been detained and he was himself arrested. Subsequently the police were informed and when they arrested prisoner they found a book containing 81 forged tickets, all chopped and ready for use. Besides the native in question, another man would speak to purchasing tickets from prisoners at \$12 each.

Evidence having been adduced at length, the jury returned a verdict of guilty, and prisoner was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

NO EVIDENCE.

The Attorney General intimated that in the cases of Choy Chung Li, committed on a charge of fraudulent bankruptcy, and Lo Fu Chan, Lo Chu San and Lo Tak Hing, charged with conspiracy in connection with the above case no indictments had been filed.

POLICE COURT.

Monday, March 19th.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND
(FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

LARCENY OF EGGS.

Two Filipinos were charged with the larceny of 46 eggs from the s.s. *Kuangtung*. The first defendant denied, while the second admitted the charge.

The police withdrew the charge against the first and he was dismissed. The second his Worship committed to gaol for fourteen days with hard labour.

STEALING A CLOCK.

Wu Nam was charged with the larceny of a clock from his brother's room on the grounds of St. Stephen's College.

Inspector Collett informed his Worship that while the complainant was out hawking the defendant called at his room, took the clock and pawned it. When complainant accused him of the theft he delivered up the pawn ticket; and was given in charge.

His Worship recorded a conviction, and committed the defendant to gaol for three weeks.

CANTON ROGUES CONVICTED.

Two natives who had just arrived from Canton, were proceeded against at the instance of Inspector Warneck for the larceny of \$355 from a Lau Shing, money changers, of Queen's Road Central.

The offence showed that the money changers and a drapier shop occupied the same ground floor. The defendants called at the latter store and bought some goods. The purchase completed, one of the defendants snatched up a basket containing \$355 from the money changers' counter, and ran away. Before the second man could follow he was caught, and some folks in the shop who pursued the first, chased him into the arms of a hukong in Jubilee Street.

The defendants were found guilty, and each was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour and six hours' stock.

BEFORE MR. C. D. MELBOURNE (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

ARMED ROBERY IN THE HARBOUR.

At the instance of Inspector Langley two boatmen were charged with committing armed robbery in the harbour with three others not in custody.

To Inspector stated that the defendants bore a junk lying at the junk anchorage, Wo Point, and while armed with knives and fighting irons, used personal violence, and relieved the master of the sum of \$82.

The case was remanded.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

The urgent need for additional water storage is plainly apparent just now. The Water Return issued by the Water Authority showed that on the 1st inst. the total quantity of water in the reservoirs was 114,770,000 gallons, which was roughly 50,000,000 gallons less than on the corresponding date last year. The consumption for the month of February was given as 92,631,100 gallons. If the same rate of consumption was maintained during the first half of the present month, it means that the total supply had been further reduced by 45,000,000 gallons, before the Water Authority decided to put the city generally, including the higher levels, on an intermittent supply. Whenever this happens there is always a great outcry against the Water Authority, for despite the warnings always given by advertisement in the newspapers of the intention to put the city on a shore supply on a given date, there are always plenty of "unwise virgins" who find themselves without water when it is time to procure any more from the tap. But during the last few days there has been much complaint because in many parts of the city the water has ceased to flow an hour before the advertised time.

In the neighbourhood of Wellington Street where according to the advertisement one hour's supply is allowed daily, not a drop of water has come through the pipes since the 15th inst., and people have been compelled to procure what they can elsewhere, and pay dearly for it.

In Glenelg every morning troops of coolies are to be seen proceeding to the top of the hill in Conduit Road with buckets and kerosene tins to procure water. It is certain that the public analyst could not say of this as he does of the water from the reservoirs that it is "of excellent quality."

That the Water Authority has not enforced economy before there was need to do so will be apparent to anyone who has seen the reservoirs lately. Seeing these one wonders where we get even our present allowance for an estimated population of 232,000 people on the island. Pekulhan reservoir is very low, the reservoir above Wongtsuicheng is absolutely dry; the byewash at Tytam is in pretty much the same condition, and the Tytam reservoir itself is quite 50 feet, we should think, below the overflow mark.

The following particulars of the rainfall will afford an explanation of the present shortage of water:—

1904	1905
September 9,770 inches	3,195 inches
October 2,005 "	1,830 "
November 0,215 "	0,280 "
December 0,230 "	2,379 "
	1906
January 1,890 "	1,985 "
February 1,100 "	2,450 "
March 11,495 "	

THE FRENCH FLEET.

EXPECTED TO-DAY.

The French Fleet, which left Hongkong on the 14th inst., is expected to arrive here to-day. Practically the whole of the first division of the Far Eastern Squadron is returning the visit which the British squadron recently paid to Saigon, the vessels being the two armoured cruisers *Montcalm* and *Gueydon*, and the six destroyers, *Javelin*, *Pistole*, *Francaise*, *Endeavour*, *Hoprite* and *Sabre*, the only absentees being the armoured cruiser *Dupetit Trouille*. Admiral Richard is accompanied by Rear Admiral Kiesel on his flagship the *Montcalm*. It is too soon to indicate the nature of the proceedings which will characterise the welcome, but cordially will certainly not be lacking.

CHINA UNITED SERVICE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The first prize meeting of this Association opened yesterday at Stonewall's Range with the rifle championship series. The highest scores were:—

200 YARDS.	
Major W. Clift, 119th Infantry	31
Captain Kitson, R.W.E.	31
Captain D'Oyley, 119th Infantry	30
Staff Sgt. E. Moore, R.E.	29
Lieut.-Col. Atkin, 119th Infantry	28
500 YARDS.	
Captain J. D'Oyley	32
Staff Sgt. J. Blagg, A.S.C.	31
Lieut. Bolgrave, R.W.E.	31
Sgt. Wildcombe, R.E.	30
Staff Sgt. G. Bush, R.E.	30

THE PHILIPPINES.

SUGGESTED DIRECT COMMERCIAL LINE.

Washington, February 14.—In the hearings before the Senate Committee on the Philippines to-day on the tariff bill, Secretary Taft said he personally favoured a direct commercial shipping line between San Francisco and the islands. Such a line, he believed, would increase the Philippine export trade of this country, in that it would encourage a Filipino merchant to come here for much of the merchandise he now purchases in other markets.

Senator Hale in his interrogations of the Secretary revealed the fact that our export trade with the islands was less than \$5,000,000 in 1904, while during the same period the Philippines bought from other countries approximately \$10,000,000 of merchandise.

Senator Hale wanted to know why this condition existed, and why the island trade with the United States was not more. He said one county in Maine received that much money from its export of potatoes.

Secretary Taft explained that the trade was on the increase, but that Filipinos, like every other people, bought their goods where they could be most conveniently obtained. He said that if we would encourage them to come to our markets, as would result in the Payne tariff bill becoming a law, we would most likely obtain a more profitable trade with them.

To-morrow a delegation of best sugar growers will appear before the committee. On Friday Secretary Taft will conclude his testimony. The bill will probably come out next week. The present indications point to it being amended extensively.—*Chronicle*.

BRITAIN RUSHING TO BANKRUPTCY.

A sensational warning is sounded by a writer in the *Quarterly Review* on the subject of the growing cost of Government, Imperial and Local. The cost of our Navy and Army during the last ten years has increased ninety per cent.; and in the Army at least there has been no adequate return for the money. Money is spent on the services beyond the Budget and supplementary estimates, without the sanction of the Treasury. The evil of supplementary estimates needs abatement. "Local expenditure now exceeds national." A generation ago it was less than half! Our credit has fallen. Consols, which stood at 114 in 1892, have dropped to 89. All over the country paupers, asylums, hospitals, and workhouses are to be found—built at the cost of the rates. And yet the lunacy returns show a steady increase since 1875. The broad facts on local rates may be summarised as follows: Over all England and Wales—where the circumstances and rules differ from those in Scotland and Ireland—the average rate in the pound in 1875 was 3s. 4d.; it is now 5s. 7d. The amount per head of the population is 3s. 6d., against 10s. 2d. in 1875. In the area comprised within Greater London, the average has risen in ten years from 4s. to 6s. 2d. in the pound. The present levy ranges from 3s. 2d. at Surbiton to 12s. at Poplar, West Ham, and Edmonton, with the certainty of increase if the present lack of employment continues to prevail in such poor and congested districts. The rates levied in various provincial towns range from 3s. 6d. in the pound in Lancashire, to 10s. 2d. in Wolverhampton. Since the county and borough councils assumed the supervision of education, "the tendency has been to increased costliness," owing to the multiplication of officials and the teachers demands for increased salaries. Strictly speaking, the poor rate is a misnomer, for only a little more than one-third of the amount thus collected is applied to the actual relief of the poor. The Local Government Board is largely responsible for the growth of local expenditure. Few persons are aware of the far-reaching and miscellaneous powers which have been granted to or assumed by this shadowy Board. It is impudent, but it cost £227,000 last year. Nominally it comprises certain high officers of State, but they never meet, and they have never met. The President is, as a rule, a mere figure-head, frequently changed in accordance with Cabinet exigencies. He presides over no one. The rate control rests with the permanent officials, worthy and able men, undoubtedly, but possessed of excessive and dangerous powers, not only executive, but, to a large extent, legislative also. We are not living within our income, but on our capital. There has been during the past two years an average increase of £13,000,000 annually in our combined national and local expenditure, compared with the average of the preceding five years, which, it must be remembered, were considered by economists to be dangerously extravagant as contrasted with earlier periods. The aggregate outlay during the last ten years was £1,440,835,128 against £902,269,158 in the previous ten years, and £780,000,000 in the like period preceding. Of course the first of the above sums includes part of the £240,000,000 disbursed in the South African war; but even so, the increase is sufficiently alarming. The main cause of the large and rapid increase, next to the enormous outlay upon the Army and Navy, is an exaggerated notion of the functions of government. State socialism is a modern craze, affecting not only the self-appointed leaders of the ignorant multitude, but certain academic and philanthropic persons whose sentiment is 'newer than their logic, and who dream of social conditions unrealisable while human nature exists.' The writer declares that the remedies are three: The exercise of a rigid economy in the great spending departments of the public service like the Army and Navy; the restoration to the House of Commons of full financial control; an arrest of the tendency to borrow large sums for local purposes (repayment of which should be spread over not more than thirty years, or one generation); the vast outlay upon experimental and structural works, the rapid growth of officialism, and the craze for municipal trading. There is no heroic method of dealing with the complex difficulties; but it may be urged that the same common sense and business rules should be applied to national and local expenditure that are considered to be imperative in ordinary life.

THE COLOMBIAN CATASTROPHE.

The following particulars about the destructive tidal waves reported in our telegrams six weeks ago have arrived by mail from Guayaquil (Ecuador). The first shock of the earthquake which caused so much damage and loss of life in the provinces of Esmeraldas was felt at 10 o'clock on January 31st; the disturbance continuing at short intervals until February 6th. The inhabitants, panic-stricken, abandoned their homes and families and are still living in the open air, fearing a repetition of the shocks.

In the neighbourhood of Port Limon four small islands disappeared. These islands were inhabited by fishermen who escaped in small boats, in which they were at sea for three days, until the water became sufficiently calm to enable them to reach the mainland.

The city of Esmeraldas was nearly inundated by a tidal wave which entered the port, flooding the principal streets. All the inhabitants can for the mountains in the neighbourhood.

All the towns in the provinces of Esmeraldas and Manabi were greatly damaged. Most of the inhabitants are homeless.

At the Colombian towns of Mosquera, San Juan and Domingo more than 300 persons perished.

At Esmeraldas City several houses collapsed, including the Government House. The village of Pinguis, near the Colombian frontier, was inundated by a tidal wave and many inhabitants were drowned. Ninety bodies were washed ashore at Tunaco. At Rio Verde several houses collapsed. During eight days twenty-four shocks were felt in Esmeraldas.

The Colombian village of Guayaca was also inundated by a tidal wave and 200 persons were drowned. The eruption of Cumal caused the earthquake.

WESTERN AMERICANS AND CHINESE.

Washington, February 15.—Members of the California delegation expressed the opinion to-day that there is not the slightest danger that the Foster Chinese exclusion bill will be favoured by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, or that the bill will be seriously pressed. They believe an effort will be made, however, to amend the Chinese exclusion laws in accordance with the recommendations to be made by Secretary McRae, and they are inclined to believe these amendments should be agreed to, on the lines at present suggested. Only a few brief amendments are in contemplation, and these do not strike at the exclusion of coolies in any manner. They are intended merely to facilitate the satisfactory administration of the law.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs, to-day heard Charles Denby, chief clerk of the State Department, on the Foster bill. Denby lived many years in China. Representatives Kalu, Needham, McKinley and Hayes were present and cross-examined Denby, bringing out much valuable matter in behalf of the Chinese.

Denby said the present trouble in China may be traced to three causes—first, the boycott against American goods, in retaliation for the rigorous exclusion of coolies and alleged ill-treatment of the privileged classes; second, a revolutionary movement against the Manchu dynasty, and third, the propagation of a policy of "China for the Chinese." Denby impressed upon the committee that Americans were hated more than other foreigners by the Chinese, but he said it would be folly to repeal or weaken the exclusion laws on that account. He declared that at least 25,000,000 Chinese in the interior of China earn on an average \$1 per month, with which they support their families. His own household received \$8 a month, which supported a large family. It would be a crime against American labour to permit these hordes to enter the United States.

Denby expressed the opinion that the obsolete repeal of the exclusion laws would not stop the troubles in China. He believed, however, that the exclusion laws should be so modified as to facilitate the entrance of Chinese students, many of whom are now going to Belgium. These students return to China and exert an influence in building up trade with the countries where they have been educated, and the United States ought to educate them. Denby said he believed the laws themselves should be modified, instead of relying upon regulations changed by the Bureau of Immigration on this remark.

Chinese cannot understand conciliation. The withdrawal of the American armies and the failure to collect the indemnity have been absolutely misunderstood. They have interpreted it as a sign of cowardice. In their estimation conciliation means want of power and fear. Japanese influences feed this idea in the Chinese.

Another source of great harm is the missionary system in China. There are, of course, notable exceptions, but the great body of the missionaries are men about as much qualified for their positions as second-rate cobblers. They are there, many of them looking to their own welfare, rather than to that of the Chinese. I rented a house from one missionary and paid him the equivalent of \$60 gold per month; and I knew of five other houses that missionary owned in his own name. He had been in China for sixteen years. I have been there drawing four times his pay for a longer term than that and have only managed to purchase one house.

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Members wishing to be present and Devonsians wishing to join the Society are requested to communicate with,

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Secretary, Care of Hongkong Club, Hongkong, 20th March, 1906. [679]

INTIMATIONS.

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30 407 940 1,315 1,731
21 500 945 1,435 1,733
161 513 946 1,449 1,738
173 629 1,615 1,476 1,816
215 654 1,679 1,577 1,882
216 738 1,682 1,624 1,916
219 744 1,105 1,683 1,947
226 769 1,139 1,684 1,952
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279 821 1,200 1,691 1,967
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By Order, C. H. GRACE, Secretary, Hongkong, 17th March, 1906. [683]

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A. B. SKOTOWE, Superintendent, Hongkong, 26th March, 1906. [684]

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Hongkong, 19th March, 1906. [689]

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:-

On THURSDAY, 22nd MARCH:-

From High West in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 8,000 yards, commencing on conclusion of practice from Pinewood (about 3.30 P.M.) and finishing at 5 P.M.

On MONDAY, 26th MARCH:-

From Boa Vista on to Mount Collison and Tytan Bay, at ranges up to 8,000 yards, commencing at 10 A.M. and finishing at 1 P.M.

If the weather is unfavourable on either of the above dates, practice will take place on the following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the range.

L. BARNES-LAWRENCE, Captain, R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

15th March, 1906. [659]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Consignees and others interested that unless payment of freight and charges on the undenoted cargo is made to the undersigned on, or before NOON, on the 23rd March, 1906, the cargo will be sold by Public Auction to defray freight and expenses incurred in landing and storing into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where it now lies.

Ex "OANFA" arrived from Victoria, B.C., 5th July, 1905, 1,752 pieces Lumber marked W. Y. T. Co.

Ex "TELEMACHus" arrived from Victoria, B.C., 23rd July, 1905, 2,798 pieces Lumber marked W. Y. T. Co.

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Hongkong, 9th March, 1906. [599]

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NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), the 21st March, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1905.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1906. [513]

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NOTICE OF MEETING.

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Hongkong, 19th March, 1906. [685]

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Macao, 15th March, 1906.

MISS ROOSEVELT'S WEDDING.

behalf of Mr. Longworth, promising that he should get it.

Secretary and Mrs. Taft's present to the bridal couple was an elaborately chased table vase of American manufacture.

The present of the members of the Taft party, with which Miss Roosevelt travelled to the East, was a gold necklace, the alternate links set with diamonds, with a pendant of an aquamarine of wondrous translucency, surrounded by diamonds. The aquamarine alone is said to be valued at \$1,500, aside from the setting. Accompanying this present was a card inscribed as follows: "With love and best wishes to our Alice from the members of the Taft party."

JAPANESE ART IN AMERICA.

The first art exhibition given by the Japan Society of America is now open at San Francisco.

The entire collection, every piece of which has been selected with care, has been lent by the members of the society. The authenticity of each exhibit is guaranteed by Mr. H. W. Lee, the president, who won many artistic honours during a long residence in Japan, and Shamsada Sekko, one of the distinguished artists of that country.

The exhibition opened with a private view and a reception for the members of the Japan Society and the Art Association. The three Japanese artists Shamsada Sekko, Ika Niiz and Bayo Hata were present in the handsomely of silk robes; the Japanese Consul graced the occasion with his presence, besides a number of distinguished Japanese residents.

There are no Japanese prints in the collection, because they constitute a department of their own. There are two kinds of paintings exhibited, the sumi or "ink" pictures, and the shiboku or water-colour pictures. There are also a number of Chinese and Japanese characters, illustrating the work of the famous writers of Japan. A handsomely illustrated and explanatory catalogue is a perfect key to the exhibition, bringing it absolutely within the comprehension of Americans.

A feature was some painting by the three artists present. They spread their working cloths in a bungalow room, standing in the back of which is a wondrous screen made by Shamsada Sekko for Joseph Robin. It is of gold and on it is painted a life-sized tiger in the act of springing.

Nothing charmed the visitors more than the two gardens made in the centre of the room by the famous decorator of Japan, Akiba, who holds a dozen or more medals from the Japanese Government, and one from the Portland Exhibition. The two gardens are exact copies of famous paintings. Full-sized cherry trees are arranged in these gardens.

THE LOST BRAZILIAN BATTLESHIP.

The following particulars have appeared about the Brazilian battleship *Aquidabam*, the destruction of which on Jan. 21st was announced in our telegrams.

The *Aquidabam* was accompanying a flotilla escorting the cruiser *Borbo*, conveying the Minister of Marine and an official party on a tour of inspection of sites for the construction of a naval yard. The number on board the *Aquidabam* was larger than the battleship's usual complement, sleeping accommodation having been provided in her for a number of naval officers, Government officials and others in connection with the inquiry. This accounts for the fact that, besides the commander of the *Aquidabam* himself, the drowned include four rear-admirals.

The cruiser *Borbo*, with the Ministers on board, left Janeiro at an early hour for Rio de Janeiro with the injured. She arrived this evening.

The *Aquidabam* blew up at 10.45 p.m. Of the commission which left the New Arsenal on board the *Aquidabam* with the Minister of Marine the following were drowned: Rear-Admirals Rodrigo Dardoch, Calheiros da Graca, and Candido Brasil, and Capt. in Alves del Arros, as well as two commanders, two German photographers, and a reporter. Nearly all the officers of the *Aquidabam* were killed or injured. The dead number 212 and the injured 36. Ninety-eight were saved. The Government decided that all bodies found should be carried to the capital and interred with national honours.

The public would be astonished if it knew of the desperate efforts that have been made, and are still being made, by well-known persons to secure invitations to the wedding. White House officials have been astounded to observe the lengths to which men and women have gone in unsuccessful endeavours to beg and almost bribe influential ones into issuing them cards.

The Ponca Indians who came from Oklahoma to present to Representative Nicholas Longworth a buffalo skin vest, were much disappointed at not finding Mr. Longworth in the House when they visited the Capitol this afternoon. The Indians were especially painted and dressed in beaded buckskin clothing in anticipation of an elaborate presentation ceremony. Their gift is from the hide of a young buffalo, which is more highly prized by the Indians than any trophy of the hunt.

The Ponca Indian delegation called on President Roosevelt this afternoon to pay their respects to the "Great White Father." Incidentally Eagle Horse, the chief of the band of Poncas, presented to the President their gift for his future son-in-law. The chief added that they made a present to the groom and not to the bride, because the bride already had received many presents, and they felt the groom ought not to be neglected in this respect. President Roosevelt laughingly accepted the waistcoat on

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

CANADA, German str., 2357, Frank, 19th March—Haarburg and Bangkok 11th Mar., General—Hamburg-American Line.
DAGNY, Norwegian str., 883, O. Abrahamson, 19th March—Honolulu 16th March, Coal—Agaard, Thoresen & Co.
FOOKSANG, British str., 1,957, W. E. Sawyer, 19th March—Calcutta 6th March, Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
GLENGY, British str., 2,300, W. T. Larkins, 18th March—Singapore 13th March, General—Order.
KWANGTUNG, Chinese steamer, 19th March, from Canton.
LAETE, British str., 1,340, Jas. B. Jackson, 18th Mar.—Sugiong 14th March, General—Wo Fat Shing.
LIBERIA, German str., 3,850, Th. Kier, 19th March—Vladivostok, Moji and Kobe 19th Mar., General—Hamburg-American Line.
OCEANIEN, French str., 4,250, Count, 19th Mar.—Yokohama and Shanghai 19th Mar., Mail & General—Messageries Maritimes.
THYRA, Norwegian str., 2,149, H. Berger, 18th March—Kirkukton 12th March, Coal—Mitsubishi Kaiun.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE
March 19th.
Itaka, German str., for Swatow.
Seneca, German str., for Kebo.
Shensi, British str., for Shanghai.
Shantung, British str., for Chefoo.
Shosha Maru, Japanese str., for Swatow.
Victoria, Chinese str., for Chefoo.

DEPARTURE.

March 18th.
HOLSTEIN, German str., for Itako.
KONTOMA, Russian transport, for Odessa.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Hongkong* reports: Light variable winds, smooth sea and fine weather. Foggy weather off Gap Rock, Hongkong approaches.
The German str. *Liberia* reports: During the voyage from Kolo, northerly winds with gales and sea. Near Brothers Island dense fog, lasting just outside Hongkong.
The British str. *Glenagle* reports: Light to moderate N.E. monsoon, fine clear weather. Thick fog with 50 miles to the southward of Gap Rock. Dense fog from then until arrival.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

March 19th.
A BERDEK DOCK.—Induwell, Pitsavulok, Pitsavulok Dock.—Pitsulan, Jengfah, Suan, U.S.S. Bay, U.S.S. Callio, Hovey, H.M.S. Hart, Krishan.
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For Freight or Passage apply to DOUGLAS LAITPAIK & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 17th March, 1906. [609]

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NOTICE.

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Captain H. Olson, will be ready to load for the above places TO-DAY, the 20th instant.

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Captain Gruenert, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about TUESDAY, the 20th inst.

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"VERONA," Captain Dobronz, will be despatched for the above Port or on or about WEDNESDAY, 21st March.

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Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. *Egypt*, due in London on 5th May.

Pearls will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent, Hongkong, 12th March, 1906. [1]

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LONDON, &c., VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELTA	Brit. str.	—	C. L. Daniel	P. & O. S. N. CO.	On 24th inst., at Noon.
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AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	TELEMACHEUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 27th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	DIOME	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 10th April.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	THENKAJ	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 24th April.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	HELLEPHON	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 8th May.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	CALCHAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 22nd May.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	Fronstr	Fr. str.	—	Conrat	TO-DAY, at 1 P.M.	To-day at 1 P.M.
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HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SENEGAMIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Schonfeld	On 4th April.	On 26th May.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SEGOVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Meyendorff	On 5th April.	On 24th May.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	C. F. ERNST	Ger. str.	k. w.	Craglietto	On 6th April.	On 22nd May.
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HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SHIMOSA	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 12th April.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	VANDALIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	—	—	On 13th April.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	2 m.	G. V. Williams	On 14th April.	On 11th April.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. Francke	On 15th April.	On 18th April.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	TOSCER	Brit. str.	1 m.	Wagemann	On 16th April.	On 21st April.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	LYRA	Am. str.	—	—	—	On 17th April.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	DAKOTA	Am. str.	—	—	—	On 18th April.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	GLENFAB	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 19th April.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 20th April.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	AUSTRALIAN	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 21st April.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	—	—	On 22nd April.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	POONA	Brit. str.	—	DODWELL & CO., LD.	On 23rd April.	On 29th May.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	NORGE	Brit. str.	—	—	On 24th April.	On 1st June.
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HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SHANSI	Brit. str.	—	—	On 28th April.	On 5th June.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ARENDE BRICIC	Brit. str.	—	—	On 29th April.	On 6th June.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	HANGSAMO	Brit. str.	—	—	On 30th April.	On 7th June.
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HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	P. E. FRIEDRICH	Brit. str.	—	W. W. Cooke, R.N.E.	On 2nd May.	On 10th June.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ANPING MARU	Jap. str.	—	S. H. Belson	On 3rd May.	On 11th June.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	On 4th May.	On 12th June.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	DAIGI MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	On 5th May.	On 13th June.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	MAIZURE MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	On 6th May.	On 14th June.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ZAIDA	Brit. str.	2 h.	A. M. Rait	On 7th May.	On 15th June.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	HAITAN	Brit. str.	2 h.	J. S. Ranch	On 8th May.	On 16th June.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	HAIMUN	Brit. str.	1 m.	A. J. Robson	On 9th May.	On 17th June.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	TAMING	Brit. str.	—	—	On 10th May.	On 18th June.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	MANILA	Brit. str.	—	—	On 11th May.	On 19th June.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	LOONSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	On 12th May.	On 20th June.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ZAFIBO	Brit. str.	—	R. Rodger	On 13th May.	On 21st June.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	TEAN	Brit. str.	—	R. Almond	On 14th May.	On 22nd June.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	RUHI	Brit. str.	—	—	On 15th	

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OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MACHAON"	On 20th March.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ANCHISES"	On 24th March.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	On 28th March.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"BELLEROPHON"	On 4th April.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CALCHAS"	On 11th April.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MOYUNE"	On 14th April.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TEUCER"	On 14th April.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DARDANUS"	On 21st April.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"HECTOR"	On 21st April.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"JASON"	On 28th April.	

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	DUE
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 20th March.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"TELEMACHUS"	On 27th March.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"DIOMED"	On 10th April.	
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	On 20th April.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"TEENKAI"	On 24th April.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"BELLEROPHON"	On 8th May.	
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"HECTOR"	On 26th May.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"CALCHAS"	On 22nd May.	

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EASTWARD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	DUE
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, & all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA	"TEUCER"	On 18th April.	
VAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO-	"TYDEUS"	On 16th May.	
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WESTWARD.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	DUE
TACOMA, SEATTLE, VICTORIA	"TELEMACHUS"	On 25th March.	
and PACIFIC COAST	"NINGCHOW"	On 25th April.	

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	DUE
TSINGTAO and CHEFOO	"SHANTUNG"	On 26th March.	
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 20th March.	
SHANGHAI	"SHANSI"	On 24th March.	
MANILA	"SHAOHSING"	On 23rd March.	
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND,	"TEAN"	On 27th March.	
COOK TOWN, CAIENS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and YELBOURNE	"CHANGSHA"	On 27th March.	
CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 31st March.	
KOBE	"CHINGTU"	On 2nd April.	

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FOR	THE CO.'S S.S.	LEAVING	SUNDAY, 25th Mar.
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW	"DAIJIN MARU"	at 10 A.M.	
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW	"DAIGI MARU"	SUNDAY, 1st April,	
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW	"SHOSHU MARU"	at 10 A.M.	
ANPING VIA SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW	"MAIDZUREU MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 21st Mar.	
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW	"ANPING MARU"	Mar. A.M.	
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW	"KIRARI"	THURSDAY, 29th Mar.	

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Hongkong, 19th March, 1906.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATE.
SAXONIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 24th Mar. Freight.
Capt. Sack	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
* SILESIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 31st Mar. Freight & Passengers.
Capt. Böhme	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
* SCANDIA	HAMBURG and Bremen	On 13th April Freight & Passengers.
Capt. v. Dohren	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
SENEGAMBIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 21st April Freight.
SEGOVIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 5th May Freight.
Capt. Schonfeldt	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
G.FERD.LAEPISZ	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 16th May Freight.
Capt. Meyerdietsch	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
VANDALIA	NEW YORK	About middle of May. Freight.
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STEAMERS.

SAILING DATES.

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STEAMERS.

SAILING DATES.

1906

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

A Pillar box has been placed at Pokfulam Police Station. It will be cleared daily at noon.

There will be a delivery of letters at Pokfulam leaving the G. P. O. daily at 10.30 a.m.

The following may now be obtained at the General Post Office counter:

Postal Guide for 1906 30 cents each

Parcels Post Tariffs 20 "

The China, with the American mail left Manila on Friday, the 16th instant, at noon and may be expected here to day.

The Armand Bebic, with the French mail of the 16th February, left Saigon on Saturday, the 17th inst., at 7 a.m., and may be expected here to-day. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 13th January, and the parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 16th February, and for despatch overland on the 18th February.

A Mail for MACAO, is despatched per s.s. Wingchau on week-days at 5.00 p.m. On Sunday the mail for Macao is closed at 8.00 a.m.

Mails for CANTON, SHAMSHUI and WUCHOW are closed on week-days at 7.30 a.m. and at 5.00 p.m.

Mails for CANTON, NAMTAO, SANBUE, *KONGMOON, *KUMCHUK, *SAMSHUI, and *WUCHOW are closed every weekday, at 5 p.m. On Sundays the mails are closed at 9 a.m.

No mails are despatched to those places on Saturday evenings, unless previously notified.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR PER DATE.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.....

Haidan.....

Tuesday, 20th, 10.00 A.M.

Tuesday, 20th,

Printed Matter and Sam-

ples..... 10.00 A.M.

Registration... 10.00 A.M.

(Registration, with late

fee of 10 cents, up to

4.50 A.M.)

Registration, Kowloon

B.O..... 10.00 A.M.

No late fee.

Letters..... 11.00 A.M.

Tuesday, 20th, NOON.

Tuesday, 20th, 1.15 P.M.

Tuesday, 20th, 2.00 P.M.

Tuesday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.

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Tuesday, 20th, 4.00 P.M.

Tuesday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.